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OF

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ETC. ETC.

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UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

THE GRAND LODGE HAVING RESOLVED

That an Edition of the Book of Constitutions, with the additions and alterations sanctioned by The Grand Lodge, be printed under the superintendence of the Board of General Purposes, The Board have accordingly superintended the present publication.

Freemasons' Hall,
6th June, 1855.

Summary of the ANTIENT CHARGES AND REGULATIONS *to be read by the Secretary, (or acting Secretary,) to the* MASTER-ELECT, *prior to his Installation into the Chair of a Lodge.*

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1. YOU agree to be a good Man and true, and strictly to obey the Moral Law.

2. You are to be a peaceable Subject, and cheerfully to conform to the Laws of the Country in which you reside.

3. You promise not to be concerned in Plots or Conspiracies against Government, but patiently to submit to the decisions of the Supreme Legislature.

4. You agree to pay a proper respect to the Civil Magistrate, to work diligently, live creditably, and act honorably by all Men.

5. You agree to hold in veneration the original Rulers and Patrons of the Order of Free-Masonry, and their regular Successors, supreme and subordinate, according to their Stations; and to submit to the Awards and Resolutions of your Brethren in general Lodge convened, in every Case consistent with the Constitutions of the Order.

6. You agree to avoid private piques and quarrels, and to guard against intemperance and excess.

7. You agree to be cautious in your carriage and behaviour, courteous to your Brethren, and faithful to your Lodge.

8. You promise to respect genuine and true Brethren, and to discountenance Impostors and all Dissenters from the original Plan of Free-Masonry.

9. You agree to promote the general good of Society, to

11. You admit that it is not in the power of a
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12. You promise a regular attendance on the (
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13. You admit that no new Lodge can be forme
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CHARGES

OF A

FREE-MASON:

EXTRACTED FROM

THE ANTIENT RECORDS OF LODGES BEYOND SEA,

AND OF THOSE IN

ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, AND IRELAND,

For the use of Lodges,

TO BE READ

AT THE MAKING OF NEW BRETHREN, OR WHEN THE MASTER SHALL ORDER IT.

PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE GRAND LODGE.

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ordinate.

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1. *In the Lodge while constituted.*
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but not in a Lodge.
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5. *At home*

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CHARGES

OF A

FREE-MASON.

ETC. ETC.

I.—*Concerning* GOD *and* RELIGION.

A MASON is obliged, by his tenure, to obey the moral law; and if he rightly understand the art he will never be a stupid atheist nor an irreligious libertine. He, of all men, should best understand that GOD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh at the outward appearance, but GOD looketh to the heart. A mason is, therefore, particularly bound never to act against the dictates of his conscience. Let a man's religion or mode of worship be what it may, he is not excluded from the order, provided he believe in the glorious architect of heaven and earth, and practise the sacred duties of morality. Masons

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loyalty, whereby they practically answer the cavils of their adversaries and promote the honour of the fraternity. Craftsmen are bound by peculiar ties to promote peace, cultivate harmony, and live in concord and brotherly love.

III.—*Of* LODGES.

A LODGE is a place where free-masons assemble to work and to instruct and improve themselves in the mysteries of their antient science. In an extended sense it applies to persons as well as to place; hence every regular assembly or duly-organized meeting of masons is called a lodge. Every brother ought to belong to some lodge, and be subject to its by-laws and the general regulations of the craft. A lodge may be either general or particular, as will be best understood by attending it, and there a knowledge of the established usages and customs of the craft is alone to be acquired. From antient times no master or fellow could be absent from his lodge, especially when warned to appear at it, without incurring a severe censure, unless it appeared to the master and wardens that pure necessity hindered him.

The persons made masons or admitted members of a lodge must be good and true men,

free born, and of mature and discreet age and sound judgment, no bondmen, no women, no immoral or scandalous men, but of good report.

IV.—*Of* MASTERS, WARDENS, FELLOWS, *and* APPRENTICES.

All preferment among masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only; that so the lords may be well served, the brethren

master of the lodge, the grand warden, and at length the grand master of all the lodges, according to his merit.

No brother can be a warden until he has passed the part of a fellow-craft, nor a master until he has acted as a warden, nor grand warden until he has been master of a lodge, nor grand master unless he has been a fellow-craft before his election, who is also to be nobly born, or a gentleman of the best fashion, or some eminent scholar, or some curious architect, or other artist descended of honest parents, and who is of singularly great merit in the opinion of the lodges. And for the better, and easier, and more honourable discharge of his office, the grand master has a power to choose his own deputy grand master, who must then be, or have formerly been, the master of a particular lodge, and who has the privilege of acting whatever the grand master, his principal, should act, unless the said principal be present, or interpose his authority by letter.

These rulers and governors supreme and subordinate, of the antient lodge, are to be obeyed in their respective stations by all the brethren, according to the old charges and regulations, with all humility, reverence, love, and alacrity.

N.B.—In antient times no brother, however

skilled in the craft, was called a master-mason until he had been elected into the chair of a lodge.

V.—*Of the* MANAGEMENT *of the* CRAFT *in* WORKING.

All masons shall work honestly on working days, that they may live creditably on holy days;

journey; nor put the work to task that hath been accustomed to journey.

None shall discover envy at the prosperity of a brother, nor supplant him, or put him out of his work, if he be capable to finish the same; for no man can finish another's work so much to the lord's profit, unless he be thoroughly acquainted with the designs and draughts of him that began it.

When a fellow-craftsman is chosen warden of the work under the master, he shall be true both to master and fellows, shall carefully oversee the work in the master's absence, to the lord's profit; and his brethren shall obey him.

All masons employed shall meekly receive their wages, without murmuring or mutiny, and not desert the master till the work be finished.

A younger brother shall be instructed in working, to prevent spoiling the materials for want of judgment, and for increasing and continuing of brotherly love.

All the tools used in working shall be approved by the grand lodge.

No labourer shall be employed in the proper work of masonry; nor shall free-masons work with those that are not free, without an urgent necessity; nor shall they teach labourers and unaccepted masons as they should teach a brother or fellow.

VI.—*Of* BEHAVIOUR, *viz.*

1.—IN THE LODGE, WHILE CONSTITUTED.

You are not to hold private committees, or separate conversation, without leave from the master, nor to talk of any thing impertinently or unseemly, nor interrupt the master or wardens

2. — BEHAVIOUR AFTER THE LODGE IS OVER, AND THE BRETHREN NOT GONE.

You may enjoy yourselves with innocent mirth, treating one another according to ability, but avoiding all excess, or forcing any brother to eat or drink beyond his inclination, or hindering him from going when his occasions call him, or doing or saying any thing offensive, or that may forbid an easy and free conversation; for that would blast our harmony, and defeat our laudable purposes. Therefore no private piques or quarrels must be brought within the door of the lodge, far less any quarrels about religion, or nations, or state policy, we being only, as masons, of the universal religion above-mentioned; we are also of all nations, tongues, kindreds, and languages, and are resolved against all politics, as what never yet conduced to the welfare of the lodge, nor ever will.

3.—BEHAVIOUR WHEN BRETHREN MEET WITHOUT STRANGERS, BUT NOT IN A LODGE FORMED.

You are to salute one another in a courteous manner, as you will be instructed, calling each

other brother, freely giving mutual instruction as shall be thought expedient, without being overseen or overheard, and without encroaching upon each other, or derogating from that respect which is due to any brother, were he not a mason; for though all masons are, as brethren, upon the same level, yet masonry takes no honour from a man that he had before; nay, rather it adds to his honour, especially if he has deserved well of the brotherhood, who must give honour to whom

and neighbours, know the concerns of the lodge, &c., but wisely to consult your own honour, and that of your antient brotherhood, for reasons not to be mentioned here. You must also consult your health by not continuing together too late or too long from home after lodge hours are past; and by avoiding of gluttony or drunkenness, that your families be not neglected or injured nor you disabled from working.

6.—BEHAVIOUR TOWARDS A STRANGE BROTHER.

You are cautiously to examine him in such a method as prudence shall direct you, that you may not be imposed upon by an ignorant false pretender, whom you are to reject with contempt and derision, and beware of giving him any hints of knowledge.

But if you discover him to be a true and genuine brother, you are to respect him accordingly; and if he is in want you must relieve him if you can, or else direct him how he may be relieved. You must employ him some days, or else recommend him to be employed. But you are not charged to do beyond your ability; only to prefer a poor brother that is a good man

and true before any other poor people in the same circumstances.

Finally,—All these charges you are to observe and also those that shall be communicated to you in another way; cultivating brotherly love, the foundation and cape-stone, the cement and glory, of this antient fraternity, avoiding all wrangling and quarrelling, all slander and backbiting, nor permitting others to slander any honest brother, but defending his character and doing him all

brethren; and if that submission is impracticable, they must, however, carry on their process, or law-suit, without wrath and rancour, (not in the common way,) saying or doing nothing which may hinder brotherly love and good offices to be renewed and continued, that all may see the benign influence of masonry, as all true masons have done from the beginning of the world, and will do to the end of time.

Amen, so mote it be.

REGULATIONS

FOR THE

GOVERNMENT OF THE CRAFT.

1. The Grand Master,
2. The Pro Grand Master,
3. Past Grand Masters,
4. Past Pro Grand Masters,
5. Deputy Grand Master,
6. Past Deputy Grand Masters,
7. Provincial Grand Masters,
8. Past Provincial Grand Masters,
9. Grand Wardens,
10. Past Grand Wardens,
11. Grand Chaplains,
12. Past Grand Chaplains,
13. Grand Treasurer,
14. Past Grand Treasurers,
15. Grand Registrar,
16. Past Grand Registrars,
17. Grand Secretary,
18. Past Grand Secretaries,
19. Grand Deacons,
20. Past Grand Deacons,
21. Grand Superintendent of Works,
22. Past Grand Superintendents of Works,
23. Grand Director of the Ceremonies,
24. Past Grand Directors of Ceremonies,
25. Assistant Grand Director of the Ceremonies,
26. Past Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies,
27. Grand Sword Bearer,
28. Past Grand Sword Bearers,
29. Assistant Grand Secretary,
30. Grand Organist,
31. Past Grand Organists,
32. Grand Pursuivant,

The Grand Stewards of the Year,

The Master, Past Masters, and Wardens of the Grand Stewards' Lodge, and of every other private Lodge.

1. Every brother regularly elected and installed as master of a lodge, under the constitution of the grand lodge of England, who has executed that office for one year, shall, so long as he continues a subscribing member of any lodge, rank as a past master, and be a member of the grand lodge. Subscription as a member of any lodge is sufficient to preserve his rank and rights as a past master, but having for twelve months ceased to subscribe to any lodge, he shall no

past masters of such lodge shall not be permitted to attend any meeting of the grand lodge until such returns and payments shall have been completed.

5. No brother shall be permitted to attend the grand lodge as master, past master, or warden, until his name and appointment shall have been duly returned to the grand secretary's office. See Page 64.

6. No brother shall hold more than one office in the grand lodge at one and the same time.

7. Four grand lodges shall be holden, for quarterly communication, in each year, viz., on the first Wednesday in the months of March, June, September, and December, at which none shall be present but the proper members, without permission of the grand master. No visitor shall speak to any question without leave of the grand master, nor shall he, on any occasion, be permitted to vote.

8. It being essential to the interests of the craft that all matters of business to be brought under the consideration of the grand lodge should be previously known to the grand officers and masters of lodges, that, through them all

the representatives of lodges may be apprised of such business, and be prepared to decide thereon, without being taken by surprise, a general committee, consisting of the present and past grand officers and the master of every regular lodge shall meet on the Wednesday immediately preceding each quarterly communication, at which meeting, all reports or representations from the most worshipful grand master, or the board of general purposes, or any board or committee

9. At such committee, three masters or past masters of lodges shall be nominated, who shall attend, within the porch of the grand lodge, at the subsequent quarterly communication, for the purpose of guarding, under the superintendence of the grand pursuivant, against the admission of any but those who are qualified, have their proper clothing and jewels, have signed their names to the accustomed papers, and are in all respects entitled to admission. The three brethren so nominated shall be assisted by three grand stewards of the year, who shall be summoned to attend for that purpose in rotation, according to the numbers of the lodges which they represent. For the like purpose, the grand master shall nominate six brethren to attend in the porch of the grand lodge, on the day of the grand festival, and also on any special meeting of the grand lodge.

10. The grand master, in his absence, the pro grand master, in his absence, the deputy grand master, or, in his absence, the grand wardens, may summon and hold grand lodges of emergency, whenever the good of the craft shall, in their opinion, require it; the particular reason for convening such lodge of emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and

no other business shall be entered upon at that meeting.

11. There shall be a masonic festival, annually, on the Wednesday next following St. George's Day, which shall be dedicated to brotherly love and refreshment, and to which all regular masons may have access, on providing themselves with tickets from the grand stewards of the year. No private lodge within the London district

lodges, or boards, or committees respectively, during times of public business, or meetings, or proceedings, shall be used, and exercised, and enforced respectively by the officers or members by any law or constitution authorized to preside or act in the absence of the grand master, or any superior officer or member in such lodges, boards, or committees, or in the general government of the craft, as fully to all intents and purposes as if such substitute officers or members were specified in every law or constitution in which any powers or authorities are given, or rules or regulations prescribed for the principals, unless special provision is made to the contrary.

14. The grand lodge alone has the inherent power of enacting laws and regulations for the government of the craft, and of altering, repealing, and abrogating them, always taking care that the antient land-marks of the order be preserved. The grand lodge has also the power of investigating, regulating, and deciding all matters relative to the craft, or to particular lodges, or to individual brothers, which it may exercise either of itself or by such delegated authority as, in its wisdom and discretion, it may appoint; but in the grand lodge alone resides the power of erasing lodges and expelling brethren

from the craft, a power which it does not delegate to any subordinate authority in England.

15. No lodge shall be erased, nor any brother expelled, until the master or officers of the lodge, or the offending brother, shall have been summoned to show cause, in the grand lodge, why such sentence should not be recorded and enforced.

REGULATIONS *for the* GOVERNMENT *of* GRAND LODGE *during the time of* PUBLIC BUSINESS, *to be read at the Quarterly Communication in March.*

1. The grand lodge being opened, the minutes of the last quarterly communication, and of any intervening grand lodge, are to be read and put for confirmation, and all communications from the grand master, and reports from the boards of benevolence and general purposes, are then to be read and taken into consideration, and the other business regularly proceeded with.

2. At the third stroke of the grand master's gavel, or whenever the grand master shall call to order, there shall be general silence.

3. All members shall keep their seats, except the grand deacons, grand director of ceremonies, his assistant, and grand stewards, who are allowed to move about, in the discharge of their duties.

4. No brother shall speak twice to the same question, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply.

5. Every one who speaks shall rise and remain standing, addressing himself to the grand master, nor shall any brother presume to interrupt him, unless to address the grand master to order, or the grand master shall think fit to call him to order, but, after he has been set right, he may proceed, if he observe due order and decorum.

6. If any member shall have been twice called to order for transgressing these rules, and shall

found by him not to contain any thing contrary to the antient landmarks of the order, the motion may be proposed, and on being seconded, the question shall be put thereon. If carried, and confirmed at the next ensuing meeting of grand lodge, it becomes a law.

9. All matters are to be decided by a majority of votes, each member having one vote, and the grand master two votes, unless the lodge think proper to leave any particular subject to the determination of the grand master. The votes of the members are to be signified by each holding up one of his hands, and the motion is then to be declared as carried or lost; but if two members demand that the votes be counted, the brethren in favour of the motion shall pass to one side of the grand lodge, and those against it to the other, when they shall be counted by the grand deacons, the mover and seconder of the motion, and two of its opponents; provided such demand appear reasonable to the grand master.

10. No motion on a new subject shall be made nor any new matter entered upon after eleven o'clock at night.

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immediately, to record the event; which grand lodge shall, if there be no pro grand master, appoint three of its members to invite the last preceding grand master to act until a new election take place; should he decline or be unable to act, then the last but one, and so on.

If there be a pro grand master at the time when a vacancy occurs, he shall forthwith act as grand master until a new election at the usual period, but if there be no pro grand master or past grand master willing to act, then, at the meeting which shall be convened to record the vacancy, a day shall be fixed for the grand lodge being summoned to elect a grand master for the remainder of the year.

3. The grand master may, by warrant, appoint any brother of eminence and skill to represent him in a sister grand lodge. He may also constitute any distinguished brother, regularly deputed from a sister grand lodge, a member of the grand lodge of England with such rank as may be appropriate.

4. The grand master has full authority to preside in any lodge, and to order any of his grand officers to attend him. His deputy is to be placed on his right and the master of the lodge on his left hand. His wardens are also to act as wax-

dens of that lodge, during his presence; but, i the grand wardens be absent, then the grand master may command the wardens of the lodge or any master masons to act as his wardens pro tempore.

5. The grand master may send his grand officers to visit any lodge he may think proper.

6. Should the grand master be dissatisfied with the conduct of any of his grand officers, he may submit the cause of complaint to the grand [illegible] should it appear to the majority o [illegible] complaint be well

8. If the grand master should be satisfied that any brother has been illegally, or without sufficient cause, excluded from any of his masonic functions or privileges, by a private lodge or other authority, he may order him to be reinstated, and may also suspend, until the next ensuing quarterly communication, the lodge or brother who shall refuse to comply with his order.

9. The grand master shall only be applied to on any business concerning masons or masonry through the deputy grand master, the grand registrar, or the grand secretary.

10. If the grand master should abuse his power, and render himself unworthy of the obedience of the lodges, he shall be subjected to some new regulation, to be dictated by the occasion; because, hitherto, the antient fraternity have had no reason to provide for an event which they have presumed would never happen.

Of DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

1. This officer, is to be appointed, annually, by the grand master, on the day of his installation, and, if present, is to be immediately installed, according to antient usage. And in the absence

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Of GRAND WARDENS.

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while he presides in any particular lodge are to act there as his wardens.

4. A grand warden not attending his duty in grand lodge shall, for each absence, pay a fine of one guinea to the general fund of charity. On his neglecting to pay the fines when incurred, his office may be declared vacant, and any rank or distinction acquired in consequence of his appointment forfeited.

Of GRAND CHAPLAINS.

The grand chaplains are to be appointed by the grand master on the day of his installation, and shall attend the quarterly communications and other meetings of the grand lodge, and there offer up solemn prayer, suitable to the occasion, as established by the usage of the fraternity.

Of GRAND TREASURER.

1. The grand treasurer shall be elected by the grand lodge at the quarterly communication in March.

He shall, when required, give a joint bond,

with two sureties, to the grand master, and to such other trustees as the grand lodge shall nominate, in such penalty and with such conditions as may be deemed expedient, for the due performance of his trust.

3. To the grand treasurer shall be entrusted all money raised for the use of the society; and he shall disburse the same in such manner as the grand lodge shall direct, and produce his accounts

ments issued by the authority of the grand lodge, as well as to such as the grand master, in conformity with the established laws and regulations of the craft, may direct.

3. He is to superintend the records of the grand lodge, and to take care that the several documents issued be in due form.

4. The grand master may, by a written document, direct the grand registrar to take charge of any province for which there is not a grand master, and he shall thereby be empowered to appoint a deputy provincial grand master and other officers, with the same authority and privileges and under the same regulations as if they had been appointed by a provincial grand master, and shall perform all other functions of a provincial grand master for that province.

Of GRAND SECRETARY.

1. The grand secretary is to be appointed by the grand master, and continue without reappointment during the pleasure of the grand lodge; he may have a clerk or clerks, who must be master masons, but are not, by the appointment, members of the grand lodge; and,

therefore, if not otherwise members of grand lodge, cannot attend therein without leave, or speak therein without special permission. But if any assistant or clerk be in any capacity a member of the grand lodge, he is not, by his appointment, deprived of his rights or privileges as a member of the grand lodge.

2. The grand secretary may, under the authority of the grand registrar, affix the seals of the

Of GRAND DEACONS.

1. The grand deacons are to be appointed by the grand master, on the day of his installation, and each must have regularly served the office of warden of a private lodge.

2. If the grand deacons be absent, the grand master may appoint the master of any lodge to officiate pro tempore.

A grand deacon not attending his duty in grand lodge shall for each absence pay a fine of half-a-guinea. On his neglecting to pay the fines when incurred, his office may be declared vacant, and any rank or distinction acquired in consequence of his appointment forfeited.

Of GRAND SUPERINTENDENT *of* WORKS, GRAND DIRECTOR *of* CEREMONIES, ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR *of* CEREMONIES, GRAND SWORD BEARER, GRAND ORGANIST, *and* GRAND PURSUIVANT.

3. The grand director of ceremonies, in addition to his other duties, has the care of the regalia, clothing, insignia, and jewels belonging to the grand lodge.

4. A grand sword bearer not attending his duty in grand lodge shall, for each absence, pay a fine of half-a-guinea. On his neglecting to pay the fines when incurred, his office may be declared vacant, and any rank or distinction acquired in consequence of his appointment forfeited.

5. The grand pursuivant is to preside over the brethren nominated to attend within the porch of the grand lodge. He is at every meeting of the grand lodge to preserve order in the porch, and with the assistance of the brethren nominated to attend there, to see that none be admitted, except those who are qualified, have their proper clothing and jewels, have signed their names to the accustomed papers, and are in all respects entitled to admission.

Of GRAND STANDARD BEARERS.

Grand standard bearers may be appointed by the grand master as occasion shall require. They

commended as grand steward shall be transmitted, by his lodge, to the grand secretary, fourteen days at least previous to the grand festival.

4. No brother shall be presented as a grand steward unless he was made in the lodge by which he is recommended, or has been twelve months a subscribing member to it.

5. No lodge shall (under the penalty of forfeiting the privilege of nomination) subscribe o[illegible] any manner contribute towards the expens[illegible] by any steward in the discharge [illegible] who shall accept [illegible]

of charity a fine of half-a-guinea. On his neglecting to pay such fine when incurred, he shall forfeit all privileges derived from his office.

8. If any lodge possessing the privilege of recommendation shall neglect to send to the grand secretary the name of one of its members, or to supply the place of one who shall decline or become incapable of discharging the duties of the office, as required by the preceding articles, the lodge shall forfeit its privilege, and the grand master shall nominate some other lodge to have such privilege in future.

9. The grand stewards shall so regulate the grand festival as that no expense fall on the grand lodge, and are strictly enjoined not to introduce or permit any refreshment to be introduced into the hall after the grand master or other presiding officer shall have departed.

10. The grand stewards for the year shall wear jewels of silver, gilt, pendant to red collars, and bear wands. (Aprons, see Regalia.)

11. The grand stewards shall have the exclusive privilege of becoming members of the grand stewards' lodge; subject to its by-laws and regulations.

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Of PROVINCIAL GRAND M

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3. He may preside in every lodge he visits within his district, with his deputy provincial grand master on his right and the master of the lodge on his left hand; his wardens, if present, may act as wardens of that lodge during his presence; but, if they be absent, the provincial grand master may direct the wardens of the lodge, or any other master masons, to act as his wardens pro tempore.

4. He shall hear and determine all subjects of masonic complaint or irregularity, respecting lodges or individual masons, within his district, and may proceed to admonition, fine, or suspension, until the next meeting of the grand lodge, according to the general laws of the craft. A minute of such proceedings, stating the offence and the law applicable to it, together with the decision, is to be transmitted to the grand master. When the case is of so flagrant a nature as, in the judgment of the provincial grand master, to require the erasure of a lodge, or the expulsion of a brother, he shall make a special report to the grand lodge, with his opinion thereon.

The provincial grand master has no power to expel a mason, though he may, when satisfied that any brother has been illegally excluded, from any of his masonic functions or privileges, by a lodge within his district, order him to be

immediately restored, and may suspend, until the next quarterly communication, the lodge or brother who shall refuse to comply with such order.

5. If the provincial grand master or his deputy shall neglect to proceed forthwith on any case submitted for his decision, the application or complaint may be transmitted to the board of

cases the laws relating to the removal of lodges shall have been complied with.

8. He should hold a provincial grand lodge, in such place as may seem to him most convenient, at least once in each year, when there may also be a masonic festival. He may convene provincial grand lodges of emergency whenever in his judgment it may be necessary.

9. He is required by himself, or his deputy, to correspond with the grand lodge, and to transmit to the grand secretary, at or prior to the quarterly communication in March, a circumstantial account, in writing, of his proceedings, and of the state of masonry within his province, together with a list of such lodges as may have been constituted since his last return, and the fees due thereon to the grand lodge.

10. To insure the regular performance of the duties of provincial grand master, and to prevent inconvenience arising from the neglect of them, he may appoint a deputy to execute all the functions of the office in his name, and may, for this purpose, invest him by patent, under his hand and seal, with all the requisite powers, during pleasure.

11. The provincial grand master must transmit the name and place of abode of his deputy, in writing, to all the lodges of his district, and also to the grand secretary, in order to have him registered, within one month of the appointment; and, at the same time, specify whether he intends the business of the province to be transacted by himself or deputy.

12. The provincial grand master, holding his

2. He is invested with the rank of a deputy grand master within the province, and presides, unless the provincial grand master be present, in any lodge he may visit within his district. He is not, by his office, a member of the grand lodge, nor does he possess any rank out of his district, though he is entitled to wear the clothing of a provincial grand officer, or past provincial grand officer, in all masonic meetings.

Of the other PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICERS.

1. These must all be resident within the province, and subscribing members to some lodge therein, but the M. W. grand master may grant a dispensation for non-residence. A fee of two guineas for grand wardens, and one guinea for any subordinate officer, shall be paid to the general fund of charity for such dispensation.

2. The grand wardens and subordinate provincial grand officers (except the treasurer, who is to be elected) are to be annually appointed by the provincial grand master, and such officers are respectively to be invested in the provincial grand lodge, and shall possess, within their district, the rank and privileges of grand officers; but they are not

by such appointment, members of the grand lodge, nor do they take any rank out of their district, though they are entitled to wear their clothing as provincial grand officers, or past provincial grand officers, in all masonic meetings.

3. No brother can be appointed a provincial grand warden unless he be the master or past master of a lodge; nor a provincial grand deacon,

in "*due form*." If the deputy or other brother preside, "*in form*" only.

2. The actual and past provincial grand officers, whilst they remain subscribing members to a lodge in the province, with the actual provincial grand stewards, and the masters, past masters, and wardens, of all lodges within the province, are members of the provincial grand lodge, and the masters and wardens shall attend the same when duly summoned.

3. The provincial grand lodge has the power of framing by-laws for its own government, and of making regulations for the guidance of the private lodges of the province; provided that none of these be contrary to, or inconsistent with, the laws and constitutions of the grand lodge.

4. Great advantage having been experienced from the establishment of a local fund for charitable and other masonic purposes, each provincial grand lodge may direct payments to be made by the provincial grand officers and the lodges in the province for this desirable purpose, (exclusive of the contributions payable to the grand lodge.) The payments by lodges shall not exceed the following sums, viz. sixpence per quarter for every contributing member of a lodge, five shil-

lings for every person who has been initiated, and one shilling for every member who has joined any lodge since the last payment. This fund cannot be established without the concurrence of at least two-thirds of the members present in provincial grand lodge, nor unless each lodge in the province shall have had due notice of the meeting, and of the intention to propose the establishment of such fund, nor until the decision shall have

be kept. These accounts must be produced at every provincial grand lodge, and audited once in each year, and a copy thereof transmitted to the lodges within the province.

6. Correct minutes of the proceedings of the provincial grand lodge shall be kept in a book proper for the purpose, which shall be produced, by the provincial grand master, for the inspection of the grand master or grand lodge whenever required.

7. The provincial grand lodge emanates from the authority vested in the provincial grand master, and possesses no other powers than those specified. It, therefore, follows that no provincial grand lodge can meet but by the sanction of the provincial grand master or his deputy; and that it ceases to exist on the death, resignation, suspension, or removal of the provincial grand master, until a brother is duly appointed or empowered to perform the functions of provincial grand master, by whose authority the provincial grand lodge may be again established.

8. Should the provincial grand master desire the opinion of his provincial grand lodge on the subject of any masonic complaint or irregularity within his district, they shall fully inquire into

Of DISTRICT GRAND LODGES

IN COLONIES OR FOREIGN PARTS.

1. It being necessary, on account of th
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provincial fund of fees larger than are allowed in England under the following regulations, viz.

That notice in writing of the fees proposed, and also of the day of meeting for the discussion of the subject, be sent to each lodge in the province two months at least prior to the meeting.

That if the proposed payments shall be agreed to by two-thirds at least of the members present, a day shall be appointed for considering the confirmation thereof at a period of not less than three months from the first meeting, and a copy of the resolutions so agreed to shall be sent forthwith to each lodge with the summons for the second meeting.

That any lodge whose officers may not be able to attend by reason of their distance from the place of assembly be permitted to state its opinions in writing, provided the same be dispatched to the provincial grand secretary within the period of one month from the date of receiving the summons for the second meeting.

When the proceedings have been confirmed, a copy thereof shall be transmitted to the most worshipful grand master for his approval, together with copies of any opinions which may have been received in writing.

When the grand master shall have given his consent, and not till then, shall the resolutions be declared valid, and the fees and payments demanded, which shall in such case be payable from

the time when the proceedings were confirmed by the district grand lodge.

Of PRIVATE LODGES.

1. The officers of a lodge are the master and his two wardens, with their assistants the two deacons, inner guard, and tyler. There must also be a treasurer and secretary. A chaplain, master of the ceremonies, and stewards may be

the master in the chair shall be entitled to give a second or casting vote, excepting upon a ballot for a candidate for initiation, or a brother to join.

N.B. It is very desirable that a brother should be present when appointed to an office.

3. No brother shall be master of more than one lodge at the same time, without a dispensation from the grand master.

4. No master of the tavern or house at which the lodge meets shall hold any office in the lodge, without a dispensation from the grand master or the provincial grand master.

5. Every lodge has the power of framing by-laws for its government, provided they are not inconsistent with the regulations of the grand lodge. The by-laws must be submitted to the grand master, or the provincial grand master, and when approved, a fair copy must be sent to the grand secretary, and, in the case of a country lodge, also to the provincial grand master; and, when any material alteration shall be made, such alteration must, in like manner, be submitted. No law or alteration will be valid until so submitted and approved. The by-laws of the lodge shall be fairly written in a book, which shall be delivered to the master on his installation, when

he shall solemnly pledge himself to observe and enforce them. Every brother shall sign them when he becomes a member of the lodge, as a declaration of his submission to them, and shall at all reasonable times have access to them, and be allowed to take copies.

6. A book shall be kept in every lodge in which shall be entered the names of its members

lodge, also to the provincial grand master. The officers of a removed lodge shall not be permitted to attend the grand lodge or provincial grand lodge until the removal be properly notified.

9. A lodge of emergency may, at any time, be called, by the authority of the master, or, in his absence, of the senior warden, or, in their absence, of the junior warden, but on no pretence without such authority. The business to be transacted at such lodge of emergency shall be expressed in the summons, recorded on the minutes, and no other business shall be entered upon.

10. The precedency of lodges is derived from the number of their constitution, as recorded in the books of the grand lodge. No lodge shall be acknowledged, nor its officers admitted into the grand lodge or a provincial grand lodge, nor any of its members entitled to partake of the general charity or other masonic privilege, unless it has been regularly constituted and registered.

11. Any lodge which may not be distinguished by a name or title, being desirous of taking one, must, for that purpose, procure the approbation of the grand master, or provincial grand master, and the name must be registered with the grand secretary. No lodge shall be permitted to alter its name without the like approbation.

12. No lodge can make a mason or admit a member without strictly complying with all the regulations enacted for the government of the craft. *See* "*Proposing Members, Making, Passing and Raising.*"

13. Every lodge must receive as a member, without further proposition or ballot, any brother initiated therein, provided such brother express his wish to that effect on the day of his initiation, to ascertain which the master shall call his attention to this law, as no lodge should introduce into [illegible] whom the brethren might con- [illegible] own lodge.

purposes, and rigorously proceeded against for detaining moneys which are the property of the grand lodge, and which had been paid to the lodge for specific appropriation.

15. All moneys received or paid on account of the lodge shall be entered in proper books. The fees or dues received on account of, and payable to, the grand lodge and provincial grand lodge, shall be kept separate and distinct from the moneys belonging to the lodge, and shall be deposited in the hands of the master instead of the treasurer of the lodge, and shall be transmitted to the grand lodge and provincial grand lodge, at such times as the laws require. The accounts of the lodge shall be audited, at least once in every year, by a committee to be appointed by the lodge.

16 Each lodge shall procure for every brother initiated therein, a grand lodge certificate, to be paid for by the lodge at the same time with the fee for registration.

17. No lodge, or officer or member of a lodge, shall, under any circumstances, give a certificate or recommendation to enable a mason to proceed from lodge to lodge as a pauper, or in an itinerant manner to apply to lodges for relief.

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among free-masons, some members of every
should be deputed to visit other lodges as
as may be convenient.

20. If any brother behave in such a man
to disturb the harmony of the lodge, he sha
thrice formally admonished by the master;
if he persist in his irregular conduct, he sha
punished by censure, fine, or exclusion, acco
to the by-laws of the lodge, or the case ma
reported to higher masonic authority.

consideration. The name of every brother excluded, with the cause of exclusion, shall be sent to the grand secretary; and, if a country lodge, also to the provincial grand master.

22. The jewels and furniture of every lodge belong to, and are the property of the master and wardens, for the time being, in trust for the members of such lodge; and the master of the house wherein the lodge is held shall have no lien thereon: nor shall he be suffered to be the owner of the jewels or furniture of any lodge, under the penalty of the forfeiture of the warrant of constitution of such lodge. No jewel shall be worn in a lodge other than those specified for the officers, except such honorary or other jewel, as shall be consistent with those degrees recognised by the grand lodge as part of antient free-masonry.

23. The warrant and books and papers belonging to a lodge must be produced by the master, when required by competent authority.

24. The majority of the members of a lodge, when congregated, have the privilege of giving instructions to their master, the immediate past master, and wardens, before the meeting of the grand lodge; because such officers are their representatives, and are supposed to speak their sentiments.

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26. Every private lodge shall at lea
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board or committee until those returns and payments shall have been completed. The master is responsible for the observance of this law.

27. If a lodge be dissolved, the warrant shall be delivered up to the grand master, and shall not be transferred without his consent.

28. If the warrant of a lodge be sold, or procured by any other means than through the regular channel of petition to the grand master, or a provincial grand master, such warrant shall be forfeited, and the lodge erased.

29. Should the majority of any lodge determine to retire from it, the power of assembling remains with the rest of the members who adhere to their allegiance; but if all the members of a lodge withdraw, the warrant becomes extinct.

30. If any lodge, or its master and wardens, be summoned to attend, or to produce its warrant, books, papers, or accounts, to the grand master or his deputy, or the provincial grand master or his deputy, or the board of general purposes, or any other board or committee authorized by the grand lodge, and do not comply, or give sufficient reason for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued; and in case of contumacy, such lodge

may be suspended, and the proceeding notified to the grand lodge.

31. A lodge offending against any law or regulation of the craft, to the breach of which no specific penalty is attached, shall, at the discretion of the grand lodge, or any of its delegated authorities, or of a provincial grand master, be subject to admonition, fine, or suspension.

Of COUNTRY LODGES.

All lodges held at a greater distance than ten miles from Freemasons' Hall, London, are country lodges, and are to observe the following laws and regulations, in addition to those specified under the head of Private Lodges.

1. All country lodges are under the immediate superintendence of the provincial grand master of the district, to whom, or to his deputy, they are to apply in all cases of difficulty or doubt, and to whom all complaints must be transmitted. If those officers should neglect to proceed in the business, the application or complaint may be transmitted to the board of general purposes, and an appeal in all cases lies to the grand lodge or grand master.

2. Every country lodge shall make a return similar to that required to be made to the grand secretary once in each year, or oftener if required, to the provincial grand master, and shall transmit therewith all money payable to the provincial grand lodge.

3. The master, wardens, and past masters, subscribing to any country lodge in the district,

are members of the provincial grand lodge, an
the master and wardens shall attend its meeting
when duly summoned.

4. Every country lodge shall have a local a
well as a general rank, so that if any lodge b
removed from one province into another, althoug
it is to retain the original number in the gran
lodge books, and preserve the same rank in th
united grand lodge, and in all public meeting

6. Country lodges in places for which no provincial grand master is appointed, nor any brother empowered to perform his functions, must, in every case, make their communications and complaints direct to the grand secretary in London.

Of MILITARY LODGES.

It being essential to the interest of the craft, that all military lodges should be strictly confined to the purposes for which their warrants were originally obtained; and, very great abuses having arisen from the improper initiation of masons by such lodges, every warrant therefore which is held by a military lodge shall be forfeited, unless the following laws be complied with, in addition to those specified under the head of Private Lodges.

1. No warrant shall be granted for the establishment of a military lodge without the consent of the commanding officer of the regiment, battalion, or company to which it is to be attached.

2. No military lodge shall, on any pretence, initiate into masonry any inhabitant or sojourner in any town or place at which its members may be stationed, or through which they may be marching, nor any person who does not at the time belong

to the military profession, nor any military person below the rank of a corporal, except as serving brethren, or by dispensation from the grand master or provincial grand master.

3. When any military lodge, under the constitution of England, shall be out of England, it shall conduct itself so as not to give offence to the masonic authorities of the country or place in which it may sojourn, never losing sight of the duties it

erefore no brother shall be elected master of a dge or appointed to any office therein merely on count of seniority or rank. Previously to the stallation of the master, the minutes of the eceding meeting of the lodge must be read and nfirmed, so far at least as to the election of the aster, after which the usual ceremonies of instal-tion are to be performed, and no master elect all assume the master's chair until he shall have en regularly installed, though he may in the terim rule the lodge. Should the minutes of the ection of master not be confirmed, then a sum-ons must be issued for the following *regular eeting* of the lodge, setting forth that the brethren ere again to proceed to elect a master, and on e confirmation of the minutes of that election at e following regular meeting of the lodge, the stallation of the master will follow.

2. Every master elect, before being placed in e chair, shall solemnly pledge himself to pre-rve the land-marks of the order, to observe its tient usages and established customs, and ictly to enforce them within his own lodge.

3. No brother shall continue master for more an two years in succession, unless by a dispen-tion, which may be granted by the grand master the provincial grand master in cases of real

necessity; but he may be again elected after he has been out of that office one year. This regulation shall not extend to a prince of the blood royal appointing a deputy, but it shall to the deputy.

4. The master and wardens of a lodge are enjoined to visit other lodges as often as they conveniently can, in order that the same usages and customs may be observed throughout the

present, then the senior warden, or in his absence the junior warden, shall rule the lodge.

7. The master and wardens of every lodge in the London district shall, within one month after appointment in each year, respectively sign their names in a book, at the office of the grand secretary.

8. The master and wardens of every lodge shall attend the grand master or his deputy, or the provincial grand master or his deputy, or any board or committee authorized by the grand lodge; and produce the warrant, minutes, and books of the lodge, when summoned so to do, under pain of suspension, and being reported to the next grand lodge.

9. The wardens and officers of a lodge cannot be removed, unless for a cause which appears to the lodge to be sufficient; but the master, if he be dissatisfied with the conduct of any of his officers, may lay the cause of complaint before the lodge; and if it shall appear to the majority of the brethren present that the complaint be well founded, he shall have power to displace such officer, and appoint another.

Of MEMBERS *and their* DUTY.

1. No brother shall be admitted a member of a lodge, unless the laws of the craft relating to the proposing and admitting of candidates shall have been strictly complied with. (See Proposing Members.)

2. A brother who has been concerned in making masons clandestinely, or at a lodge which is not a [illegible] or for small and unworthy consi- [illegible] in forming a new [illegible] shall

issued to the members of a lodge, by the authority of the master, or the proceedings of any festival or public meeting at which persons not masons are permitted to be present.

5. The majority of the members present at any lodge duly summoned have an undoubted right to regulate their own proceedings, provided that they are consistent with the general laws and regulations of the craft; no member, therefore, shall be permitted to enter in the minute book of his lodge a protest against any resolution or proceeding which may have taken place, unless it shall appear to him to be contrary to the laws and usages of the craft, and for the purpose of complaining or appealing to a higher masonic authority.

6. If any member shall be excluded from his lodge, or shall withdraw himself from it, without having complied with its by-laws, or with the general regulations of the craft, he shall not be eligible to any other lodge, until that lodge shall have been made acquainted with his former neglect, so that the brethren may be enabled to exercise their discretion as to his admission. Whenever a member of any lodge shall resign, or shall be excluded, or whenever, at a future time, he may require it, he shall be furnished with a certificate stating the circumstances under which he left the lodge; and

such certificate is to be produced to any other lodge of which he is proposed to be admitted a member, previous to the ballot being taken.

7. All differences between or complaints of members that cannot be accommodated privately or in a regular lodge, shall be reduced into writing and delivered to the grand secretary, who shall lay [illegible] came before the grand master, or the board of [illegible] or other board or committee [illegible] in the country to [illegible]

of a third offence within three years of the second offence, he shall be liable to expulsion from the craft.

All fines shall be applied to the general fund of charity.

Of PROPOSING MEMBERS.

MAKING, PASSING, AND RAISING.

GREAT discredit and injury having been brought upon our antient and honourable fraternity from admitting members and receiving candidates, without due notice being given, or enquiry made into their characters and qualifications; and from passing and raising masons without due instruction in the respective degrees, it is declared that a violation or neglect of any of the following laws shall subject the lodge offending to erasure, and no emergency can be allowed as a justification.*

1. No brother shall be admitted a member of a lodge without a regular proposition in open lodge, nor until his name, occupation, and place of abode, as well as the name and number of the lodge of which he is or was last a member, or in which he

* *A dispensation cannot be granted except in cases specially provided for.*

was initated, shall have been sent to all the members in the summons for the next regular lodge meeting; at which meeting the brother's grand lodge certificate, and also the certificate of his former lodge is to be produced, and the decision of the brethren ascertained by ballot. When a lodge has ceased to meet, any former member thereof shall be eligible to be proposed and admitted a member of another lodge, on producing a certificate from the grand secretary, stating the

of balloting for the candidate; and if the candidate be then approved, he may be initiated into the first degree. The master shall, previous to the ballot being taken, cause the proposition, and emergency, to be recorded in the minute-book of the lodge.

3. No man shall be made a mason in any lodge under the age of twenty-one years, unless by dispensation from the grand master, or provincial grand master. Every candidate must be a free man, his own master, and, at the time of initiation, in reputable circumstances. Previous to his initiation, he must subscribe his name at full length, to a declaration of the following import,* viz.

To the worshipful master, wardens, officers, and members of the lodge of
No.

I, being a free man, and of the full age of twenty-one years, do declare, that, unbiassed by the improper solicitation of friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary or other unworthy motive, I freely and voluntarily offer myself a candidate for the mysteries of masonry; that I am prompted by a favourable opinion conceived

* *Any individual who cannot write is consequently ineligible to be admitted into the order.*

Witness

4. No person can be made a mason i
mitted a member of a lodge, if, on tl
three black balls appear against him;
by-laws of a lodge may enact that one
black balls shall exclude a candidate.

5. Every candidate, shall, on his ir
solemnly promise to submit to the const
and to conform to all the usages and reg
of the craft.

6. No lodge shall on any pretence
into masonry more than five persons on th
day, unless by a dispensation, which shall
the total number to be initiated.

8. No other lodge shall initiate any non-commissioned officer or corporal belonging to a regiment or battalion to which a military lodge is attached, nor shall any lodge initiate any military person below the rank of a corporal, except as a serving brother, or by dispensation from the grand master, or provincial grand master.

9. No person shall be made a mason for less than three guineas exclusive of the registering fee, nor shall a lodge on any pretence remit or defer the payment of any part of this sum. The member who proposes a candidate must be responsible to the lodge for all the fees payable on account of the initiation.

This is not to extend to the making of serving brethren, who may be initiated by the lodge which they are to serve, provided that no fee or reward be taken, and that a dispensation from the grand master or provincial grand master be first obtained, which shall be specified in the return made to the grand secretary; but a brother so initiated cannot be a member of the lodge in which he was initiated, though eligible to become a subscribing member of any other lodge, and, upon being registered as a joining member of such other lodge, and paying his contributions in like manner with other members, he is entitled to all the privileges and benefits of the craft.

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Of LODGES *of* INSTRUCTION.

1. No general lodge of instruction sha
holden unless under the sanction of a re
warranted lodge, or by the special license
authority of the grand master. The lodge g
its sanction, and the brethren to whom
license is granted, shall be answerable fo
proceedings, and responsible that the mo
working adopted has received the sanction o
grand lodge.

Notice of the times and places of meeti

rethren appointed to hold office, and such minutes shall be produced when called for by the grand master, board of general purposes, or lodge granting the sanction.

3. If a lodge which has given its sanction for a lodge of instruction being held under its warrant shall see fit, it may at any regular meeting withdraw that sanction by a resolution of the lodge, to be communicated to the lodge of instruction; provided notice of the intention to withdraw the sanction be inserted in the summons for that meeting.

Of VISITORS.

1. No visitor shall be admitted into a lodge, unless he be personally known, recommended, or well vouched for, after due examination by one of the brethren present; and during his continuance in the lodge he must be subject to the by-laws of the lodge. The master of the lodge is bound to enforce these regulations.

2. A brother, who is not a subscribing member to a lodge, shall not be permitted to visit any lodge in the town or place where he resides more than once during his secession from the craft.

Of CERTIFICATES.

1. Every brother shall be entitled to a grand lodge certificate, immediately upon his being registered in the books of the grand lodge, for which certificate the lodge shall pay six shillings and sixpence. Each lodge, therefore, when it makes a return of the masons whom it has initiated, shall, in addition to the register fees make a remittance for the certificates, which may

5. All applications for grand lodge certificates must be made to the grand secretary; and if the name of the brother wishing for the certificate has not previously been registered, the money payable on registration must be transmitted at the same time; as no certificate can on any account be issued until such money has been paid.

6. A brother, who shall have obtained a grand lodge certificate of the first or second degree, will, after he has been advanced to a superior degree, be entitled to exchange such certificate for one of the superior degree without additional expense.

7. No lodge shall grant a private lodge certificate to a brother, except for the purpose of enabling him to obtain a grand lodge certificate, (in which case it shall be specially addressed to the grand secretary); and except all such certificates as may be required by the laws of the grand lodge, see Art. 6, p. 75, or called for by any of its boards or committees. No lodge shall, under any pretence, make a charge for a certificate.

Of REMOVAL *of* LODGES.

Any lodge may be removed from one house to another, within the same town or place, at the

be strictly complied with.

1. No lodge shall be remov
master's knowledge, nor shall ar
moval be made in his absence; b
be regularly made and seconded,
order summonses to be sent to
specifying the business and appc
hearing and deciding the questic
be at least one week after the issu
monses. The majority present s
the question, provided the master
majority; but, if he be against
lodge shall not be removed, unles
consist of two-thirds of the membe

If the master should refuse to
monses, either of the wardens ma
the master neglect to attend the

3. When a lodge shall have resolved to remove or to alter the day of meeting, the master or a warden shall forthwith send a copy of the minutes of the lodge for such alteration to the grand secretary, and also to the provincial grand master or his deputy, that it may be ascertained whether the above laws have been strictly complied with, and that the alteration may be duly recorded.

4. No lodge can be removed from one town or place to another, nor the warrant transferred, without the consent of the grand master, or of the provincial grand master with the concurrence of the grand master.

Of PUBLIC PROCESSIONS.

1. No masonic funeral or other public procession shall, on any pretence, be allowed, without the license of the grand master or provincial grand master.

2. If any brother shall attend as a mason, clothed in any of the jewels or badges of the craft, at any funeral or public procession, without the permission of the grand master, or provincial grand master, he shall be rendered incapable of ever being an officer of a lodge, and excluded the benefit of the general charity. And

if a lodge shall so offend, it shall stand su
pended until the grand lodge shall determi
thereon.

Of TYLERS.

1. THE tylers are to be chosen by the mem
bers of the lodge, and may at any time be r
moved, for cause deemed sufficient by a majori
of the brethren present, at a regular meeting

, who feels aggrieved by the decision of any
ır masonic authority or jurisdiction, may ap-
l to the next practicable grand lodge against
ı decision. The appeal must be made in
ing, specifying the particular grievance com-
ned of, and be transmitted together with all
umentary evidence to the grand secretary
teen days at least before the next quarterly
ımunication of grand lodge, accompanied by
ertificate that notices and copies of the appeal
e been sent by the appellant to the party
inst whose decision the appeal is made, and
ı to the opposite party; and upon receipt of
appeal and certificates by the grand secretary,
shall forthwith give notice thereof to the
ty whose decision is thereby called in ques-
ı; and on the hearing of the appeal the proof
he service of the notices and copies of appeal
ll be upon the appellant unless admitted by
parties, and such services shall be considered
id if sent by the ordinary post.
That at the hearing of the appeal no fresh
dence shall be adduced by either party.
No appeal can be received unless couched in
per and respectful language.

Of the AUDIT COMMITTEE.

A committee, consisting of the grand officers
he year and twenty-four masters of lodges in

the London district, to be taken by rotation, shal meet between the quarterly communications i December and March, for the purpose of ex amining and auditing the grand Treasurer's ac counts for the preceding year, and making report thereon to the grand lodge.

Of the FUND *of* BENEVOLENCE.

1. The fund appropriated to the object c

ɔvember, and to be elected by the grand lodge
December, in the same manner as the elected
embers of the board of general purposes; but
ı past master shall be eligible to be re-elected
ıo shall have neglected to attend the lodge of
nevolence at six meetings. If the actual
aster of the year of any lodge cannot attend,
e immediate past master may supply his place;
ould that brother be unable to attend, some
her past master of such lodge may act for him;
ıt in every case the past master must be a sub-
ribing member of the lodge. The brother
esiding shall be bound strictly to enforce all
e regulations of the craft, respecting the dis-
ibution of this fund, and shall be satisfied,
efore any petition be read, that all the required
ırmalities have been complied with. Three
and officers shall be specially summoned for
ıch meeting, by direction of the grand master,
pro grand master, or his deputy, who shall
ıt as the master and wardens. If either be
ɔsent the brother senior in rank then present
ıall supply his place.

The members shall not be subject to canvass
r previous solicitation, but shall have their minds
ee from prejudice, to decide on the merits of
ıch case with the impartiality and purity of
ıasonic feeling. If it shall appear that this rule
as been wilfully transgressed the consideration

vassed, or to whom he is
member of the lodge to whic
though such member may be
of the petition, and must the
master of a lodge shall c
solicit on behalf of a petitic
dered incapable of attending
lodge of benevolence for twe

4. No master shall act
lodge of benevolence if his l
to make its returns and pay
the funds of the grand loc
ceding twelve months.

5. Applications for relief
stating the name, occupation

6. To every petition must be added a recommendation, signed in open lodge, by the master, wardens, and a majority of the members then present, to which the petitioner does or did belong, or from some other contributing lodge, certifying (see the form at the end) that they have known him to have been in reputable, or at least tolerable, circumstances, and that he has been not less than two years an actual contributing member, paying the stipulated subscription to the funds of a regular lodge* as well as quarterage to the fund of benevolence, with such other observations as they may think proper; and the master, or some member of the lodge, except it be a country petition, shall attend the committee, to speak to the truth of the statement set forth in the petition, and to certify that the signatures thereto are genuine.

7. No mason initiated under the constitution of the grand lodge of England shall receive the benefit of this fund unless he have paid the full consideration-fee, have been registered in the books of the grand lodge, have continued a subscribing member to a contributing lodge for at least two years, and, during that period, paid his quarterly dues to the fund of benevolence. The limitation of

* This does not apply to serving brethren.

two years, however, does not apply to the cases of shipwreck, capture at sea, loss by fire, or breaking or dislocating a limb, fully attested and proved.

Secretaries, who are by their lodges exempted from the payment of subscription, shall not thereby be disqualified from obtaining assistance from the fund of benevolence, but shall be considered as subscribing members of their lodges, their services being equivalent to subscription, provided their dues to the grand lodge have been duly paid.

10. No petition shall be read, unless the petitioner attend the committee in person; except in case of sickness, lameness, imprisonment, or residence in the country, beyond the London district.

11. A brother, who has been relieved, cannot petition a second time within one year.

12. The committee may order the payment of any sum not exceeding ten pounds towards the relief of a distressed brother.

13. The committee may also grant any sum, not exceeding five pounds, towards the relief of the indigent widow or child of a deceased mason who would himself have been qualified to receive assistance; or of a brother who shall have died within two years from the period of his initiation, or of his having joined an English lodge from a foreign lodge, and who shall have continued a subscribing member to the time of his decease; provided the application be made to the committee within two years after the death of the husband or father, and that the marriage certificate and other proper certificates and testimonials be produced. Should there be a child or children totally dependent on the widow, or more than one orphan, the grant may be extended to any sum not exceeding ten pounds.

14. Before the petition of the widow or children shall be taken into consideration, the grand lodge or other masonic certificate of the deceased brother shall be deposited with the grand secretary, unless it shall be satisfactorily proved that it has been lost.

15. When cases of extraordinary distress occur, and the sum of ten pounds does not appear suffi- [illegible] to afford adequate relief, the committee may [illegible] to the grand master, who [illegible] pounds.

17. These laws and regulations shall be read by the grand secretary in the months of January, April, July, and October, previous to the committee entering on business; and the master in the chair shall not, on any pretence whatever, allow any part of them to be dispensed with or infringed.

To prevent mistakes in the recommendation of petitions, the following form is proposed; which may be altered as circumstances require.

We, the undersigned, being the master, wardens, and majority of the members present, in open lodge assembled, of lodge No. called and held at this day of 18 do hereby certify, that the within-named petitioner hath been a regular contributing member, paying the stipulated subscription to this lodge, for the space of years, and that we have known him in reputable circumstances, and do therefore recommend him to the Lodge of Benevolence for relief, having satisfactory grounds for believing the allegations set forth in his petition to be true.

Of the BOARD *of* GENERAL PURPOSES.

I. The board shall consist of the grand master,

pro grand master, deputy grand master, and the grand wardens of the year, a president, and twenty-four other members. The president and ten of such other members shall be annually nominated by the grand master, at the quarterly grand lodge in June; and the grand lodge shall, on the same day, elect the remaining fourteen members from among the actual masters and past masters of lodges. Not more than seven past masters are to

by scrutineers to be appointed for that purpose, and are not to be signed.

3. Four scrutineers are to be elected at the general committee previous to the grand lodge in June, and four other scrutineers are to be nominated by the grand master or presiding officer at that grand lodge. These eight scrutineers are to collect the lists from the brethren to whom they have been delivered, and shall solemnly pledge themselves to make a correct report under their hands of the result of the ballot. They shall then retire, and having ascertained the numbers for the respective candidates, shall present the report in grand lodge. But if their report be not ready by the time the grand lodge is about to be closed, the grand master or the presiding officer shall, after closing the grand lodge, receive the report in his private room, and in such case a copy thereof, verified by the grand secretary, shall be immediately posted up in the grand secretary's office, and remain during one week for the information of the craft.

4. If the president, vice-president, or any other member of the board die or be removed, the vacancy shall be filled up. If one appointed by the grand master, then by the grand master; and if one elected by the grand lodge, then by the

general committee, and the bi
intended to be proposed to t
must then be given.

5. Should the president and
absent, the brother highest in
shall preside.

6. The board shall meet on t
in every month, at three o'clock
also be convened at other times
grand master or by the authorit

7. Five members shall cons
proceed to business, except in th
sonic complaints, for which pur
members must be present. A
be decided by a majority of vo

according to the laws; and its decision shall be final, unless an appeal be made to the grand lodge. But should any case be of so flagrant a nature as to require the erasure of a lodge or the expulsion of a brother, the board shall make a special report thereon to the grand lodge.

9. The board shall have full power to inspect all books and papers relating to the accounts of the grand lodge, and to give orders for the correct arrangement of them; and to summon the grand treasurer, grand registrar, grand secretary, or other brother, having possession of any books, papers, documents, or accounts belonging to the grand lodge, and to give such directions as may be necessary.

10. The board shall have charge of the finances of the grand lodge, examine all demands upon it, and when found correct shall order the grand treasurer to discharge them.

11. At the board next following the close of each quarter the account of receipts and disbursements for the last quarter shall be balanced. This account, together with a list of the contributions, shall be printed and transmitted to each lodge with the report of the proceedings of the next quarterly communication.

12. At the meeting in January in each year, the board shall investigate the accounts of the grand lodge for the last year, and prepare thom for the audit committee; and shall, at the quarterly communication in March, state the amount of receipts and expenditure under their respective heads, together with the amount of the property belonging to the grand lodge in the public funds or elsewhere; and do all such matters as may be necessary to give the grand lodge full information

tation of any kind shall be received by the board, unless it be in writing, and signed by the person or persons addressing the board.

16. The members of the board shall be in masonic clothing when they proceed to the investigation of any charge or complaint.

17. When the board has investigated and decided on any case, which, in its judgment, requires admonition, fine, or suspension, the offence shall be fully stated in the minutes, shall be declared proved, the law relating thereto (if provided against) quoted, and the decision recorded and acted upon.

18. In case of any charge or complaint affecting a member of the board or a lodge to which he belongs, such member shall withdraw whilst the board considers its decision.

19. The board has the direction of every thing relating to the buildings and furniture of the grand lodge, and may suggest any alterations or improvements. It is to cause the necessary preparations to be made for the meetings of the grand lodge as well as for the days of festival, public ceremonies, &c., and to take care that arrangements be made with the master of the

for all the usual and ordinary articles, wh
be requisite for the grand lodge; but no
dinary expense of any kind shall be
without the previous sanction of the gran

20. The board has likewise the c
regulation of all the concerns of the gran
and shall conduct the correspondence
the grand lodge and its subordinate lod
brethren, and communications with siste
lodges and brethren of eminence and dis
throughout the world.

21. The board may recommend to th
lodge whatever it shall deem necessary or
tageous to the welfare and good governi
the craft, and may originate plans for th
regulation of the grand lodge and the

23. The board shall proceed to the consideration of any special matter which may be referred to it by the grand master or the grand lodge in preference to other business.

24. All transactions and resolutions of the board shall be entered in the minute-book by the secretary.

Of FEES PAYABLE TO THE FUNDS OF GENERAL PURPOSES & BENEVOLENCE.

EVERY brother, on his first appointment to either of the following offices, shall pay towards the fund for general purposes:

The pro grand master	*Twenty Guineas.*
The deputy grand master	*Twenty Guineas.*
Grand warden	*Ten Guineas.*
Grand treasurer	*Ten Guineas.*
Grand registrar	*Five Guineas.*
Grand secretary	*Five Guineas.*
Grand deacon	*Five Guineas.*
Grand director of ceremonies .	*Three Guineas.*
Grand assistant director of ceremonies	*Three Guineas.*
Grand superintendent of works	*Three Guineas.*
Grand sword bearer	*Three Guineas.*

The pro grand master, deputy grand master, grand warden, grand treasurer, grand registrar, or grand secretary, not having served the office

[illegible], grand director of ce
assistant director of ceremonies
intendent of works, and grand
ten guineas each.

A provincial grand master
guineas for his patent, and twe
the fund of general purposes;
not served the office of grand ste
tional twenty guineas to the fund
The twenty guineas to the fund o
not, however, to be paid by a p
master appointed to a colonial or
provided the brother be a resident

A deputy provincial grand ma
two guineas to the fund of genera
registering his name in the books of

ing a dispensation for a London lodge, lings and sixpence, to be paid to the general purposes; and for a country ive shillings, to be paid to the provincial dge fund, but if no such fund exist, then ind of general purposes.

l lodge certificates, six shillings and six- o be paid at the same time as the fee for ion.

registration fee for a mason made within don district, one guinea; and in a coun- eign, or military lodge, ten shillings and e; for a brother joining a lodge in the district, he having been initiated in lodge, five shillings; and for a brother ing a country, foreign, or military lodge, lings and sixpence.

oining fee upon the registration of brethren l in lodges not holding under the grand f England, and therefore not previously d, the same as upon initiation.

Of REGALIA.

following clothing and insignia shall be y the craft; and no brother shall, on any

pretence, be admitted into the grand lodge, or any subordinate lodge, without his proper clothing.

No honorary or other jewel or emblem shall be worn in the grand lodge or any subordinate lodge which shall not appertain to or be consistent with those degrees which are recognized and acknowledged by and are under the controul of the grand lodge as part of pure and antient masonry.

Grand Chaplains,.....A book, within a triangle.
Grand Treasurer,.....A chased key.
Grand Registrar,.....A scroll, with seal appended.
Grand Secretary, ...Cross pens, with a tie.
Grand Deacons, ...Dove & Olive Branch.
Grand Superintendent of Works, A semicircular protractor.
Grand Director of Ceremonies, Cross rods.
Assistant Ditto.....Ditto.
Grand Sword Bearer, ..Cross swords.
Grand Organist, ...A lyre.
Grand Pursuivant, ...Arms of the grand lodge, with rod and sword crossed.

The jewels of the grand chaplain, registrar, secretary, deacons, superintendent of works, director of ceremonies and assistant director of ceremonies, sword-bearer, organist, and pursuivant, are to be within a wreath composed of a sprig of acacia, and an ear of corn.

The jewel of a grand steward of the united grand lodge is—A cornucopia between the legs of a pair of compasses extended, upon an irradiated gold plate, within a circle, on which is engraven, "United Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of England."

Past Grand Steward,.....The same device on crimson enamel instead of the irradiated gold plate, but of smaller size, to be worn on the breast.

Provincial Grand Master,..The compasses and square, with a five-

Masters of Lodges,.. The square.
Past Masters, ... The square andthe diagram of the 47th prop. 1st B. of Euclid, engraven on a silver plate, pendent within it.
Senior Warden, ... The level.
Junior Warden, ... The plumb.
Treasurer, ... The key.
Secretary, ... The cross pens.
Deacons, ... The Dove.
Inner Guard, ... Cross swords.
Tyler, ... The sword.

The above jewels to be in silver, except those of the officers of the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, and of the British Lodge, No. 8, which are golden or gilt. The collars to be light-blue ribbon, four inches broad; if silver chain be used, it must be placed over the light-blue ribbon.

In the grand lodge and at great ceremonials and festivals, where the grand officers appear in their official capacities, the actual grand officers wear chains of gold, or metal gilt, instead of collars; but upon all other occasions collars of ribbon, garter-blue, four inches broad, embroidered or plain.

Past grand officers of the Grand Lodge of England are, in the grand lodge, or at any great

ceremonials or festival, to wear embroidered collars, and in private lodges collars either embroidered or plain.

Patterns of the chains and collars are given in the Appendix.

The grand stewards of the year wear collars of crimson ribbon four inches broad. Provincial grand masters wear chains of gold or metal gilt, or collars of ribbon garter-blue, four inches broad.

addition only of two sky-blue rosettes at the bottom.

Master Mason,—The same, with sky-blue lining and edging, one and a half inch deep, and an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels.—No other colour or ornament shall be allowed except to officers and past officers of lodges, who may have the emblems of their offices in silver or white in the centre of the apron; and except as to the members of the Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 324, who are allowed to wear a narrow internal border of garter-blue on their aprons.

Grand Stewards, present and past,—Aprons of the same dimensions, lined with crimson, edging of the same colour three and a half inches, and silver tassels.—Provincial grand stewards, while in office, the same, except that the edging is only two inches wide — The collars of the grand stewards' lodge to be crimson ribbon, four inches broad.

Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, present and past,—Aprons of the same dimensions, lined with garter-blue, edging three and a half inches, ornamented with gold, and blue strings, and they may have the emblems of their offices, in gold or blue, in the centre.

Provincial Grand Officers, present and past,—Aprons of the same dimensions lined with

must be inserted the name of the

The garter-blue edging to the aprc
not exceed two inches in width.

The apron of the deputy grand master
the emblem of his office in gold embr
the centre, and the pomegranite and lot
nately embroidered in gold on the edgin

The apron of the grand master is orn
with the blazing sun embroidered in go
centre, on the edging the pomegranite a
with the seven eared wheat at each cor
also on the fall; all in gold embroidery; t
of gold bullion.

The apron of the pro grand master the

The masters and past masters of l
wear, in the place of the three rosette
master mason's apron, perpendicular lir
horizontal lines, thereby forming thre

)f CONSTITUTING a NEW LODGE.

EVERY application for a warrant to hold a r lodge must be by petition to the grand ıter, signed by at least seven regularly regis- d masons; and the lodges to which they ›ng or formerly belonged must be specified. : petition must be recommended by the officers a regular lodge and be transmitted to the nd Secretary, unless there be a provincial nd master of the district or province in which lodge is proposed to be holden, in which case s first to be sent to him, or to his deputy, › is to forward it, with his recommendation ›pinion thereon for the grand master. If the yer of the petition be granted, the provincial nd master may issue a dispensation, autho- ng the brethren to meet as a lodge, until a rant of constitution shall be signed by the nd master.

The following is the form of petition.

"To the M. W. Grand Master of the United Fraternity of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of England:

' We, the undersigned, being regular regis- ed masons of the lodges mentioned against

our respective names, having the prosperity
the craft at heart, are anxious to exert our be
endeavours to promote and diffuse the genui
principles of the art; and, for the convenien
of our respective dwellings and other goo
reasons, we are desirous of forming a new lodg
to be named . In consequen
of this desire, we pray for a warrant of constit
tion, empowering us to meet as a regular lodg

The following is the manner of constituting a new lodge, according to the antient usage of masons.

A lodge is duly formed; and, after prayer, an ode in honour of masonry is sung. The grand master is then informed, by the secretary, that the brethren present desire to be formed into a new lodge, &c. &c. The petition, the dispensation, and the warrant or charter of constitution, are now read. The minutes of the lodge, while under dispensation, are likewise read; and, being approved, are declared regular and valid, and signed by the grand master. The grand master then inquires if the brethren approve of the officers who are nominated in the warrant to preside over them. This being signified in masonic form, an oration on the nature and design of the institution is delivered. The lodge is then con-
ecrated according to ceremonies proper and usual
n those occasions, but not proper to be written,
d the grand master constitutes the lodge in
tient form.

The new master and wardens, being yet among
brethren, the grand master asks his deputy
e hath examined them, and found the candi-
master well skilled in the noble science, and
instructed in our mysteries, &c. The de-
answering in the affirmative, he shall (by
rand master s order) present him to the
master, saying, "most worshipful grand

master, I present this my worthy brother to be installed master of the lodge, whom I know to be of good morals and great skill, true and trusty, and a lover of the whole fraternity, wheresoever dispersed over the face of the earth."

Then the grand master, placing the candidate on his left hand, and having asked and obtained the unanimous consent of all the brethren, shall say: "I appoint you the master of this lodge,

promise of subjection and obedience to him, by the usual congratulation.

The deputy and the grand wardens, and any other brethren present, that are not members of the new lodge, shall next congratulate the new master; and he shall return his becoming acknowledgments to the grand master first, and to the rest in their order.

Then the grand master desires the new master to enter immediately upon the exercise of his office, in choosing his wardens: and the new master, calling forth the two brothers, presents them to the grand master for his approbation, and to the new lodge for their consent. That being granted, the senior or junior grand warden, or some brother for him, shall rehearse the charges of wardens; and the candidates being solemnly asked, by the new master, shall signify their submission thereunto.

Upon which, the new master, presenting them with the instruments of their office, shall, in due form, instal them in their proper places; and the brethren shall signify their obedience to the new wardens, by the usual congratulation. The other officers of the lodge are then appointed, and invested in antient form.

The lodge, being thus completely constituted, shall be registered in the grand master's book, and by his order notified to the other lodges.

THE grand lodge having been op
convenient place, and the necessary
and instructions given, it is adjour
brethren being in their proper clothing a
and wearing white gloves) and the
moves in the following order, *viz.*:

Two tylers, with drawn sword
Music.
Brethren, not members of any lodge, two
The lodges according to their num
Juniors going first.
Members of grand stewards' lod
Officers of grand stewards' lodg
Architect, or builder, with the pl
¶ A cornucopia with corn, borne

Grand superintendent of works, with the plate bearing the inscription.
Past grand sword bearers.
Past grand deacons.
Grand secretary, with book of constitutions, on a cushion.
Past grand registrars.
Grand registrar, with his bag.
Grand treasurer bearing a phial containing the coin to be deposited in the stone.
Past grand wardens.
Past provincial grand masters.
Provincial grand masters.
Past deputy grand masters.
Visitors of distinction.
The Corinthian light, borne by the master of a lodge.
The column of J. G. W. borne by the master of a lodge.
The J. G. W. with the plumb rule.
Grand Steward. { Banner of the grand lodge. } Grand Steward.
The Doric light, borne by the master of a lodge.
The column of S. G. W. borne by the master of a lodge.
The S. G. W. with the level.
The J. G. deacon.
Grand Steward. { The grand chaplain, bearing the sacred law on a cushion. } Grand Steward.

Deputy grand master, with square.
The Ionic light, borne by the master of a lodg
The pro grand master.
A past grand master, or other brother of eminen
bearing the mallet.

Grand Steward.	The standard of the grand master.	Gran Stewa

Grand sword bearer.
The most worshipful grand master.

grand master's command, deposited in the cavity various coins of the present reign, the cement is laid on the lower stone, and the upper one is let down slowly, solemn music playing. Being properly placed, the grand master descends to the stone, proves that it is properly adjusted, by the plumb rule, level, and square, which are successively delivered to him, by the junior grand warden, senior grand warden, and deputy grand master; after which, the architect or builder delivers to him the mallet, with which the grand master gives three knocks. The grand master then delivers to the architect or builder the several implements for his use. The plan and elevation of the building are presented by the grand superintendent of the works, to the grand master, for his inspection, who, having approved them, delivers them to the architect, for his guidance. The grand master re-ascends the platform, music playing. An oration, suitable to the occasion, is delivered. Some money for the workmen is placed on the stone by the grand treasurer.

If the building be for a charitable institution, a voluntary subscription is made in aid of its funds.

The procession then returns to the place from which it set out, and the lodge is closed.

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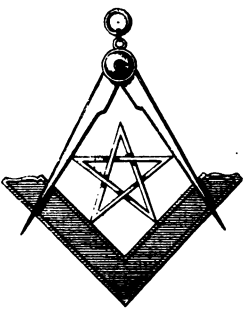

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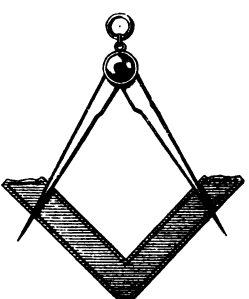

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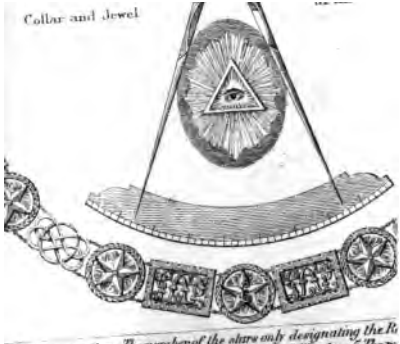

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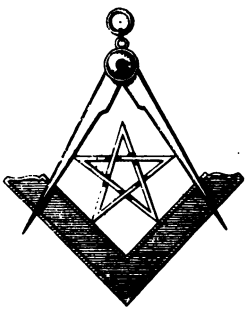

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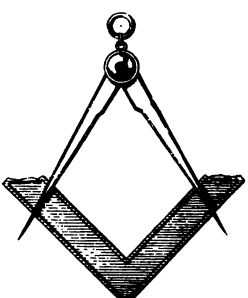

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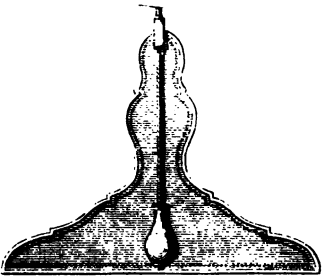

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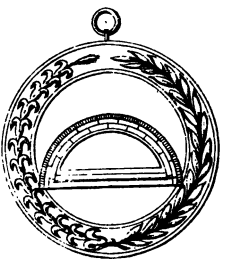

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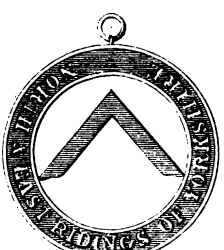

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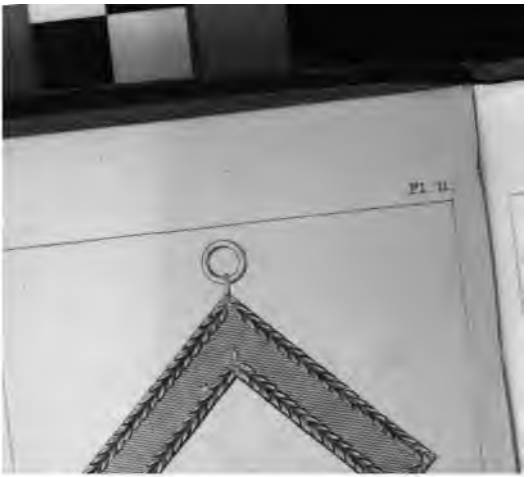
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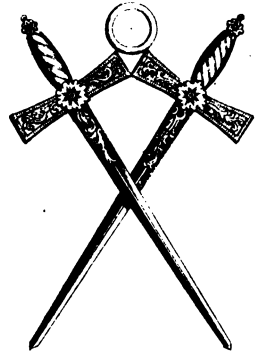

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